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SUBJ: SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

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SUMMARY: DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY ISSUES STATEMENT EXPRESSING
SOLIDARITY WITH BROTHER PARTY IN ISRAEL.

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END SUMMARY.

1. WERNER DAVID MELCHIOR, INFORMATION OFFICER FOR ISRAELI LABOUR PARTY, VISITED DENMARK OVER WEEKEND TO BRIEF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) ON CURRENT MIDDLE-EAST SITUATION.

2. FOLLOWING TALKS OCTOBER 15 WITH PRIMIN JORGENSEN, FONMIN ANDERSEN, AND SDP VICE-CHAIRMAN KJELD OLESEN, THE PARTY'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ISSUED STATEMENT EXPRESSING "SOLIDARITY WITH OUR BROTHER PARTY IN ISRAEL"

AND TRANSMITTING "GREETINGS TO ITS CHAIRMAN GOLDA MEIR". STATEMENT ALSO URGED SOLUTION OF CONFLICT BY POLITICAL MEANS, ADDING THAT "LASTING AND JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE-EAST MUST BE BASED ON THE RIGHT OF EXISTENCE AND SECURITY FOR ALL STATES IN THE AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF 1967".

3. A FORMER DANISH CITIZEN, MELCHIOR IS BROTHER OF CHIEF RABBI BENT MELCHIOR OF COPENHAGEN JEWISH COMMUNITY. MELCHIOR ARRIVED FROM HAMBURG WHERE HE REPORTEDLY MET CHANCELLOR BRANDT AND INSPIRED SIMILAR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY SPD EXECUTIVE BODY. MELCHIOR REPORTEDLY WILL CONTINUE HIS MISSION TO SWEDEN, NORWAY, THE NETHERLANDS AND POSSIBLY THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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4. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO KJELD OLESEN, MELCHIOR'S MISSION WAS SOLELY TO DRUM UP DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT FOR ANY TANGIBLE AID. HIS TOUR MAY RATHER HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY ISRAELI AWARENESS THAT PRO-ARAB SENTIMENT HAS BEEN MAKING SOME GAINS AMONG SCANDINAVIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN RECENT MONTHS.
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